

"The significant problems we face now cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." Albert Einstein

This quote by Albert Einstein reflected the mood of the Interagency Committee members in the April Quarterly Meeting. The economic decline beginning in December 2007 resulted in the worst recession since the 1930s. Budgets reflect the deteriorating economy and the committee discussed how this decline is impacting operations. Excellence in leadership shines in challenging times, and the Directors shared the efforts underway in their organizations to maximize effectiveness during these tough times.

In this newsletter, we highlight many of their efforts: a Law Enforcement Summit to create a multi-jurisdictional opportunity to design a statewide drug enforcement strategy, development of a website to encourage parents to engage with their children, implementation plans for the WITS treatment system, creation of a trio of felony sentencing options, refinement of the IDJC case management system and focused leadership in the misdemeanor probation system. In addition, members proposed a new strategy to engage local and state teams in the management and utilization of substance use disorder treatment budgets.

The committee discussed the promising work of the Behavioral Health Transformation Workgroup. The goal of the Workgroup is to develop a plan for a coordinated, efficient infrastructure that integrates mental health and substance use disorder services using a regional delivery system. The Interagency Committee vocalized strong support for the vision.

These are challenging times, indeed, but the number of dedicated and knowledgeable leaders involved in the Interagency Committee insures we will turn these challenges into opportunity.

Interagency Committee Partner News



Statewide Contract for Drug Testing Kits Available to State Agencies, Courts and Local Government

We are excited to announce that the State Division of Purchasing has completed the process which allows Idaho's state agencies, local government, drug courts and school districts to utilize a contract for the purchase of drug testing kits. We are hopeful that this contract will provide savings to your organization. Please call the Office of Drug Policy at 208-854-3040 to learn how to access the contract pricing.



The Interagency Prevention Subcommittee

is working to develop a website patterned after Utah's ParentsEmpowered.org for parents to talk to their children about underage drinking. The website has commercials and tools to reach out to parents and encourage involvement with their children. Idaho's website will be titled BeTheParent.org.

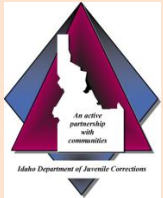
Statistics show that parental involvement is the number one reason that teens choose not to drink. If parents are looking for ways to approach the subject, the website will have suggestions. You'll find:

- News/Events/articles on underage drinking,
- Informational videos,
- Prevention games your children can play designed to get you and your child talking,
- A ready-made texting tool for parents who don't know how to text

You don't have to be a superhero. You don't have to be an expert in parenting. You just have to be involved!



Law Enforcement Summit is planned for Fall 2010. The Idaho State Police, Idaho Sheriffs Association, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association, Drug Enforcement Administration, Idaho Office of Drug Policy and Boise State University bring you the 2010 Idaho Law Enforcement Summit. The Idaho Law Enforcement Summit is a high energy, information packed two-day event during which law enforcement peers identify common ground in Idaho's continuing drug eradication efforts and answer the question: *"What Should Idaho Drug Enforcement Look Like in 2020?"* The Summit will be held in Boise on September 22nd and 23rd.



The Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections reported their current efforts to refine their case management practices and procedures. The goal of the project is to redesign a case management system that provides continuity of case planning from pre-commitment thru reintegration to aftercare. Staff have spent the last 5 months reviewing the case management system to learn where IDJC can strengthen processes to better support the following case management principles: Promoting Family Involvement, Comprehensive Reintegration and Victim Restoration, application of all five principles of the Balanced and Restorative Justice process: Accountability, Community Protection, Competency Development, Balance and Individualization. Case management practice within IDJC recognizes the value of critical partnerships with counties, with the judiciary, with families, and with community service providers.



The Department of Correction opens two new treatment options for offenders this year. The treatment will reduce prison growth for years to come. The new Correctional Alternative Placement Program (CAPP) facility opens July 2010. CAPP offers a 90-day treatment option for substance abuse and cognitive issues. First approved in 2006, the CAPP offers 432 new beds. In addition, Lawmakers expanded the retained jurisdiction program from 180 days to 365 days. The longer stay allows the Department to provide therapeutic community treatment during a retained jurisdiction sentence. These two new treatment options join the traditional retained jurisdiction program to create a trio of treatment options without a long prison sentence.



Misdemeanor Probation Specialist to contribute to the team The work of the Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse will be greatly enhanced by the addition of Kerry Hong, Misdemeanor Probation Specialist, to the team. The Idaho Supreme Court, Idaho Association of Counties and Idaho Department of Correction collaborated on a grant to allow the creation of this position dedicated to the coordination and development of misdemeanor probation resources in Idaho. Welcome Kerry!



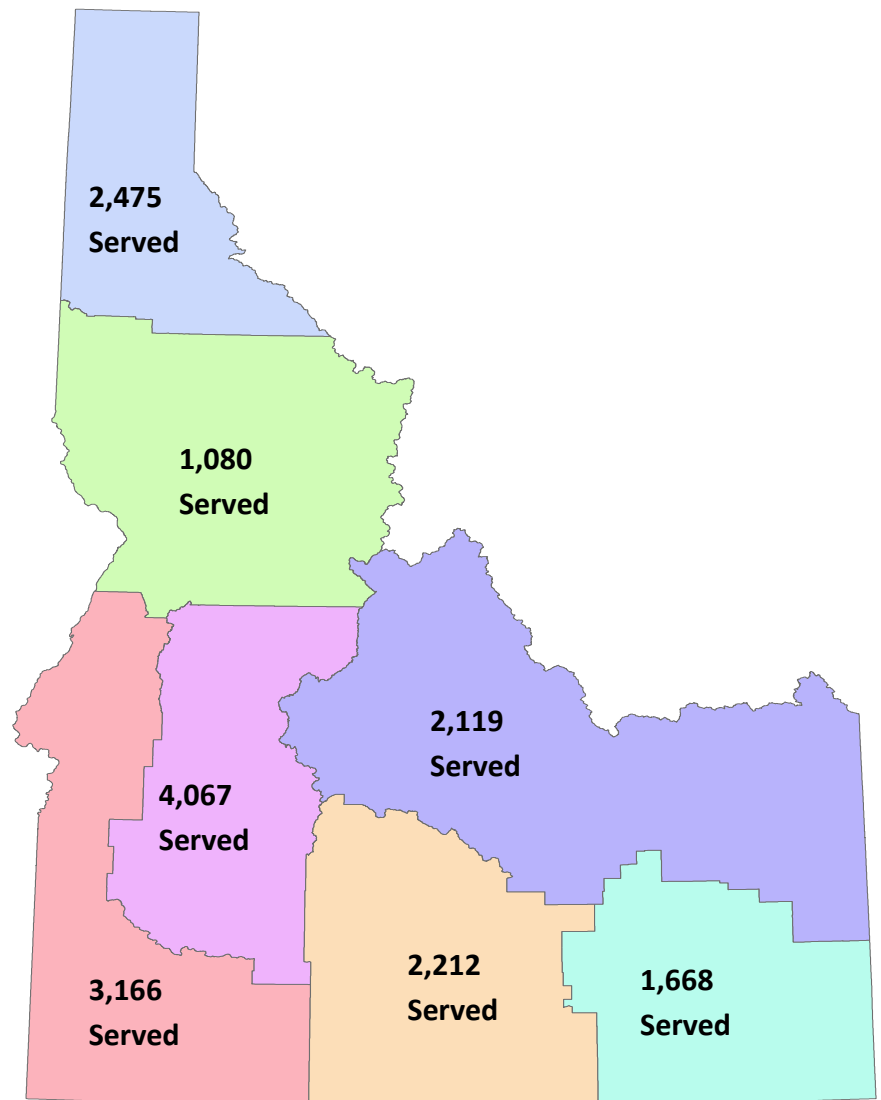
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is focusing efforts on quality assurance processes, development of a data warehouse and implementation of the data management system called Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services (WITS) for the Substance Use Disorder treatment system. The WITS system is utilized in the mental health unit for mental health records and as a management tool. Its implementation will further the data collection and reporting for the state's Substance Use Disorder system. The community-based treatment system served over 16,000 clients in the first three quarters of 2010.

Community Treatment System Utilization by Region

FISCAL YEAR 10
THIRD QTR YTD
RESULTS

Region	\$ in Millions
One	2.4
Two	1.4
Three	3.2
Four	4.1
Five	2.0
Six	2.3
Seven	2.6
TOTAL	18.0



EVALUATION OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT SYSTEM

Pete Collins, Ph.D. student from Washington State University, will be conducting a cost-benefit analysis for Idaho's Substance Use Disorder Treatment system. By comparing the individuals who received state-funded treatment with data from the Idaho Supreme Court, Idaho Department of Correction, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Idaho Department of Labor and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Pete will provide important information on the benefit of utilizing tax payer dollars for SUD treatment.

Innovative Programming



Easter Seals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain Reentry Center

In late 2009, Easter Seals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain, Inc. was awarded a 3-year \$1.2 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) to develop and operate a one-stop Reentry Center in Boise for men and women with co-occurring disorders (substance abuse and mental health histories) who are leaving Idaho's prisons and returning to Ada County. The Reentry Center will serve 650 individuals over the project's lifetime. The Center opened on February 1, 2010.

The Reentry Center provides both substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment and system linkages for Idaho's reentering offenders. ESGW has developed partnerships with key stakeholders to reduce and/or eliminate many reentry barriers facing men and women with co-occurring disorders who are leaving prison. Barriers include gaps in substance abuse evaluations and treatment upon reentry; limited mental health and medication management services; lack of coordinated and centrally-located reentry services; and lack of family strengthening programs designed to help offenders reunite with families and communities.

The Reentry Center's goals are to

- reduce recidivism rates,
- reduce substance abuse relapse rates,
- help offenders successfully integrate back into their families and communities,
- help offenders obtain and maintain employment, and
- develop a self-sustaining program that can be replicated across the state.

To achieve these goals, the Reentry Center provides reentry services in a centrally located facility and in a coordinated and streamlined manner. Services include pre-release assessments, substance abuse evaluations and treatment, mental health counseling, medication management, case management, job readiness programs, life skills classes, family strengthening programs, HIV testing and community referrals. As a collaborative effort between entities that already serve Idaho's offender reentry population, the Reentry Center is embedded within Idaho's existing service delivery system, without duplicating existing services and funding sources. This program 1) supplements existing substance abuse treatment and case management services, filling in gaps in service delivery for offenders with co-occurring disorders; and 2) complements existing reentry services through probation/parole.

For more information please contact DeLanie Valentine, Director of Reentry and Family Services at 208.672.2900.



On April 19, 2010, the Idaho Meth Project launched Paint the State, a public art competition and large-scale community action program aimed at broadly communicating the risks of Meth use through public works of art. Teens ages 13-18 are asked to use the "Meth: Not Even Once" logo, tagline, or other anti-Meth theme, a little inspiration, and a lot of imagination to create a work of art—any style, any medium—that's clearly visible to the general public. \$3,000 in prize money will be awarded in every Idaho county (1st Place: \$1,500, 2nd Place: \$1,000 and 3rd Place: \$500), plus one lucky teen will win a \$5,000 statewide grand prize. To register: www.paintthestateidaho.org

Office of Drug Policy Staff

We would like to welcome a new Program Assistant to the Office of Drug Policy, Caitlin Zak. Caitlin recently moved to Boise from San Diego with a B.S. in Cognitive Science, Neuroscience from University of California, San Diego. Caitlin is assisting ODP by putting together comprehensive reports of eight other Western states substance abuse prevention and treatment programs. She is researching each departments overall structure and oversight, local authority and responsibilities, Mental Health integration, as well as delving into their budgets and recent reduction plans. So far, her findings have uncovered a large variety of models and budgets, each unique to their particular populations. The overall goals across-the-board are associated with finding creative ways to integrate substance abuse and mental health at the local levels given the recent budget restraints. If you are interested in seeing specific details on a particular states model and budget, feel free to contact Caitlin at caitlin.zak@odp.idaho.gov.



Caitlin is also lending a hand in a few of the other upcoming ODP events and projects, such as the Law Enforcement Summit and Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program research. We welcome her to ODP!



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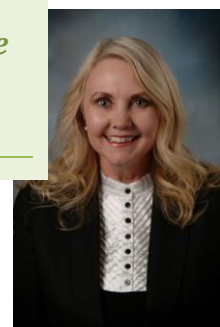
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Administrator Debbie Field will be on a leave of absence until December 1st. She takes the leave to serve as the Campaign Manager for Governor Butch Otter's reelection campaign. We look forward to her return!

Strategic State Prevention Planning Committee		Interagency Committee on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment	
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm		Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	
Where: Lincoln Room of Supreme Court Bldg		Where: Lincoln Room of Supreme Court Bldg	
June 10	October 21	June 16 (8 AM - LBJ Building – 3 rd Floor)	
July 15	November 18	July 28	
August (no mtg)	December (no mtg)	October 27	
September 14		December 15	

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John Quincy Adams